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Curtain Drawn on Mystery Date

MAY 14 - SPRING FROLIC

Clan FCA and all Sub-Clans to Gather.

Yes, the Grapevine's star reporter and key-hole peeper scores a scoop! She has it from the most reliable sources that the Mystery Date--May 14--is the day for FCAers Spring Frolic as set by the directors of the Farm Credit Club. All loyal FCAers, present and past, will stage one of our good old fashioned get-togethers.

Entertainment galore will be provided by and for such sub-clans as Arnold, Brennan, Duggan, Engberg, Hedges, Henstreet, Isleib, Lawrence, Moore, Reid, and Wells--not to mention all the good Scotch sub-subs and sub-sub-subs like Piper, Kennedy, Connor, Diebel, Scanlan, Tomasello, Van Cleave, etc., etc., etc. The social committee is still very secretive about its plans for this super-colossal of informal parties, but our reporter has learned from the most authoritative sources that the Spring Frolic, where the new look will be taboo, is scheduled for the F Street Auditorium. Never heard of it? Ah, but our efficient Minnie-the-Scoop has the answers! Its on the 13th floor of the National Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N.W.--the most central location in town.

What's on the program? We haven't space to tell all Minnie found out, but just as

a sample we'll let you in on the bingo and the dancin' to the tunes of King Juke. Some want square dancin' too. The final program depends on popular request. Get your suggestions in now to the social committee, Sam Weinberg, Chairman. Watch for the next issue of the Grapevine and Minnie's startling revelations. In the meantime BUY YOUR TICKET from your contact committeeman before they are all gone...or You'll be Sorry! We warned you!

DON'T MISS GERMAN ART EXHIBIT

By Delphine Beirne

Have you seen the exhibit of painting from the Kaiser Friederich Museum now at the National Gallery of Art? The ideal way to see it is, of course, with an expert guide such as Harry Shenker of the Graphic Section. That was my good fortune! The catalogue lists the works of such Masters as Watteau, Vermeer, Rembrandt, Titian, Botticelli, van Eyck, Menling, van der Weyden, Raphael, Holbein, Rubens, and many others. These names were spoken by Mr. Shenker as those of old friends.

To me it seemed almost unbelievable that these works of art had been painted over 400 years ago, as the coloring is still fresh and bright. Several of the paintings have been slightly damaged by the dripping of water in the salt mines where they were found. The majority of the paintings follow the life of Christ, His apostles, the Madonna, etc. But there are also some wonderful portraits such as

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Strictly Personal

Administrative. We bid welcome to newcomer ANNETTE ROSE. All of Stenographic Unit was excited, as well as PAULINE KUCINSKY, when it was heard her Navy husband would be spending a few days at home before leaving for Turkey. JEANNE STOWELL leaves next week for a 5-week vacation in Calif. and other western points. Five, mind you. FRANCIS SMITH and his wife spent the Easter holidays in Chambersburg, Pa. Now available for small odd jobs after hours, Saturdays, and Sundays: LAWRENCE HAYDEN, who recently bought a pick-up truck; his 'phone is RA 5166. Does anyone have any suggestions for JERRY MADIGAN who is looking for a suitable home for her family in either Washington or surrounding territory? They want to buy. We all wish JUIT KENDALL a speedy recovery from the operation he underwent after recently reentering Gallinger Hospital. MARTIN VAN CLEAVE claims to have rid himself of his White Elephant (on four wheels) at a profit. Since digging his garden (soil content 99.9 percent clay), LARRY WAUGH is open to all suggestions for the prevention of blistered hands.

Cooperative. MARTHA HEAD has learned anew the old proverb about not running for a streetcar by falling and spraining her ankle the other morning. Now she's watching her step more closely. MEL METZLER has bidden us farewell for the beautiful rolling plains of Topeka, Kans. Be it ever so homely, there's no place like home. KAY PRICE was a lucky week-ender in Parkerville, Va. Nice to see DORIS ACKLIN who works for the Springfield BC up in Mass. Another one of those busmen's holidays. The PORWIN SCOTTS have opened the family cottage for

the summer down at Coltons Point on the Potomac. Be listening for some fish stories. Another fisherman is NORMAN LIPSCOMB--but he is satisfied with the upper part of Georgetown and the Potomac.

DON'T FORGET----MAY 14

Cooperative Research and Service. It's a boy...Claudius Lemuel, Jr.! Congratulations to the folks with whom he took up residence, ANN and LEM FIKE on March 16. A cordial welcome to new employee HANS G. HIRSCH. We're glad to learn that Patricia Morales, daughter of L. E. MORALES, is recovering nicely from a recent tonsillectomy. The happy smile on C. G. RANDELL's face is because his Favorite Blond, daughter Marguerite, is home on a belated Easter vacation. The Florida sunshine really agreed with RUTH MITCHELL, who returned feeling super and sporting a "new look" tan! Easter vacationers included MILDRED CAREY and JEANETTE MULDOONEY, who jaunted to NYC for the Easter Parade, and VIRGIE VANCE, who week ended in West Virginia. HAROLD HEDGES reports there were a few that "didn't get away" during his recent fishing holiday on Lake Okeechobee, Fla. The line forms on the right for well-wishers to congratulate DR. JOSEPH G. KNAFF on his recent appointment as Associate Chief of CR&S.

THE CLAN GATHERS----MAY 14

Finance and Accounts. The JOHN B. MULLER JR.'s are off on a 5-week vacation, much of which will be spent in Washington, Ill., but they also plan to visit old friends in KC. HARRY GRAY forgot about April showers when he took the 1st and 2nd off to play golf. On one of those days he was the only one brave enough to venture out to the golf course. BILL ALERIGHT is still branching out. He now has two little kids (and one doe goat). ETHEL PEACHER has resumed her nurse's aide work at Mt. Alto; and SARAH SCHNEIDER (long may she aide!) has received her fourth stripe for 1500 hours. SYLVIA MEHAFFY is visiting her parents in Iowa and helping celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

JOHN JEFFERS is back from a week's absence from work wearing new eye glasses. MEL JACOMET has returned to his desk after several days sick leave. The women bowlers are holding their own in the league, and naturally want to know "What's wrong with the men's team?" Why the sudden change this late in the season, humh, fellows? We were sorry to learn PHIL HOPKINS' youngest son has been ill and hope he's better now. Aside to HELEN MCCARE: Why is everyone questioning you about "Gigglesberry?" WALTER PATTERSON reports, after stopping in KC on his return from Spokane, that the Midwest is as fine as ever. We're glad to have FRANK KEARNEY back following a short illness. A bundle from Heaven (postage charge was on 8 pounds, 4 ounces) was delivered to the VLADIMIR OLEYNIKS April 8. He's been named Gregory Vladimir. Girls! The New Look continues. Just ransack Grandma's trunk, and what you find won't have a price tag attached. That prolific poet, Anonymous, has this to say on the subject:

So come on, girls, get in the swing
I honestly think you'll love the things
So long, so full, and so graceful too
They're lovely to look at--especially on
you.

YOU HAVE A DATE....MAY 14

Information and Extension. GIFF HOAG's new secretary is Katherine Bliss from KC. Welcome! We have a prize winner--TCM PRITCHARD, Pepsi-Cola contest for February, \$10.

SPRING FROLIC....MAY 14

Land Bank. It has been reported on good authority that FRANK JONES was basking in the sunshine last Sunday at Hains Point, carefully observing the antics of his fishing line baited with a doughball for carp. ARTHUR BAYLESS has returned from a field trip in the St. Paul district. The Division's horticulturist, JIM ISLEIB, is receiving contracts for pruning rosebushes on week ends. The cute but mischievous-looking twins who paid us a visit recently were ANDY MORRISON's. We are not having a pro-

longed rest period these days. The empty desks are that way because of the Presidents' Conference in session upstairs.

Alumni. LOUISE WADE is enjoying the "business" of being a lady of leisure. LOUISE (who vacationed in Florida with RUTH MITCHELL AND DOT PEEFFER, another ex-er) sent greetings to her friends. Another who asks to be remembered is OPAL BROWN. After extensive traveling through the Ozarks (remember those grand jaunts the Club had?), California, Oregon, and Arizona, she and her husband have settled in Lutz, Fla., where they have a 4-room house on a 1½-acre plot. MARY F. MALONE has retired. Her present address is 9010 Eton Street, Silver Spring, Md.

SCROLLS AND BUTTONS AWARDED FOR LONG SERVICE

More than 500 Farm Credit employees in central office, central office field, and land bank appraisal positions have received USDA recognition for service of 10, 20, or 30 years in the Department or in agencies brought into the Department. Of these, 76 had 20 or more years of service as of May 15 last. Five had 30 or more years of service. In the latter group, the central office employees were H.M. Bain, A.W. McKay, L.E. Morales, and Grace Leonard Smith. Additional awards will be issued as of May 15, 1948, and annually hereafter. Watch for the blossoming of green (10-year), white (20-year), and red (30-year) lapel buttons and pins.

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Rembrandt's Self Portrait and The Man With the Golden Helmet, Hals' The Child-Nurse and Her Charge, Botticelli's Simonetta Vespucci, Domenicc's Portrait of a Young Lady, and many others. Mr. Shenker's favorites are Venus with the Organ Player by Titian, Madonna and Child with Singing Angels by Botticelli, and George Giszze by Holbein.

It's not such a long way from the works of the Old Masters of the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries to modern art. Their work like that of our times shows all the joys of life with beautiful rich colors and the

sorrows by muting them with somber blacks and browns. Words just aren't at my command to describe the inspiration and the relaxation one gets from viewing the 214 paintings in the collection. All I can say is you will have to see them yourself--but, hurry, hurry, hurry, the time limit is April 18. The hours are from 10 until 5 daily, Sundays 2 until 10. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime!

WHAT! NO OPERA?

By Eula Lee Collins

Music lovers have for many years deplored the lack of an opera house in the Capital City. Of course the MET comes to Baltimore each spring, but unless one is very far-sighted and makes arrangements weeks in advance, the tickets are sold out. So imagine my delight to read in a recent Sunday Star the advertisement "Hear opera in Richmond." When I called the very enterprising Mrs. Stabler about details, I was even more pleased to learn that it was my favorite opera La Traviata, with Eleanor Steber, Jan Peerce, and Leonard Warren--plus the usual ballet, chorus, orchestra, and gorgeous stage settings. Here was the wonderful Metropolitan Opera Company, and some one to arrange transportation on a comfortable bus and the tickets at a very nominal price.

The company used the Mosque taken over from the Shriners by the Civic Musical Assn. of Richmond, which seats 4,600 people. In the audience were residents of Va, W.Va., Ky, N.C., S.C., Tenn., and the District. I came away wondering why I ever pay to hear just one artist, when I can hear such a collection of celebrities in such a setting. Leonard Warren was "out-of-this world" in the role of the father. I never had much sympathy for the father interfering with the romance of Violetta and Alfredo, but when Warren sang his aria in the 2d act, it was so pleading and tender that I came away with a new interpretation of the role.

Mrs. Stabler, whose address is 1616 K St., N.W., RE 6750, arranges for parties to football games and can secure tickets to see shows in New York and elsewhere on very 4

short notice. Her "Ticket Mart" is the only out-of-town agency in Washington, and two nice articles about her appeared in recent papers. During the war she was in charge of community activities for the War Dept., where she had plenty of experience in securing tickets for everything from concerts to wrestling matches.

MEN'S BOWLING STATISTICS

April 1

Graphic won 2 games from Administrative. Land Bank won 2 from Reports and Research and Service won 2 from Operating Analysis.

April 8

Graphic increased their lead to 2 games as they won the odd game from O.A. Anderson (110-312) was high for Graphic. Mattern (132-313) was high for O.A. Admin. won 2 from LB. Frewitt was high for Admin. with 110-311. McWhirt was high for LB with 113-309. R&S won 2 games from Reports. Bradford was high for R&S with 125-316. Jacomet (104-305) and Barber (110-304) were high for Reports.

TEAM STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINFALL
Graphic	45	36	39,592
Land Bank	43	38	39,476
Reports	41	40	41,160
Admin.	41	40	39,784
Res. & Service	39	42	38,525
Oper. Analysis	34	47	38,257

WOMEN'S BOWLING STATISTICS

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINFALL
Reports	50	28	33,526
Admin.	43	35	33,820
Res. & Service	42	36	33,244
Legal	41	37	33,896
Oper. Analysis	33	45	31,735
Land Bank	25	53	31,396

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